
Class Action Talking Points:

Class action abuse hurts our economy

- The costs of litigation per person in the United States are far higher than in any other major industrialized nation in the world.
- Small businesses spend, on average, about \$150,000 per year on litigation expenses.
- Passing a class action reform bill will help businesses focus on creating jobs, rather than fighting junk lawsuits.

Class action reform will ensure victims receive their due compensation and create jobs

- The current system is being abused-it harms injured parties and undermines the American judicial system.
- Lawsuit costs have risen substantially over the past several decades, and a significant part of the costs from lawsuits goes to paying lawyers' fees and transaction costs-not to the injured parties.
- While the lawyers manipulate the system to their financial advantage, everyone else pays-the victims, the court system, companies, consumers and ultimately, taxpayers.

Republicans are committed to passing a fair class action abuse reform bill

- Class action reform is a bi-partisan bill that was supported by nine Democrats last year (received 59 votes).
- The bill moved out of the judiciary committee this year 13-5.
- It is our hope that the Democrats and Sen. Reid will not allow the personal injury lawyer lobby to derail the legislation again.

Budget Talking Points:

Fiscally Responsible

- “The principle here is clear: a taxpayer dollar must be spent wisely, or not at all.” (President George W. Bush, State Of The Union Address)
- The President has delivered on his promise to offer a budget that cuts the deficit in half.
- The budget cuts waste; it rightly delivers a strong message of spending restraint - not only on discretionary spending, but also mandatory spending.

Funds Priorities

- Increases spending on the military and homeland security.
- Promotes economic growth and job creation.
- Expands quality educational opportunities and improves access to health insurance and health care.

Hope to Work with Democrats

- Put partisanship aside to focus on what's right for America.
- We hope Democrats will choose progress over pessimism and come to the table to work with Republicans.
- The deficit this year will be manageable by historical standards, but only if we are committed to fiscal discipline.

